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APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVES ALLARD REQUEST OF \$400,000 FOR TAMARISK ERADICATION IN COLORADO

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-Colorado) announced Tuesday that the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water, of which he is a member, has approved \$400,000 requested by Senator Allard for tamarisk eradication efforts in Colorado.

“It is well known throughout the West that the tamarisk poses a major threat to our water supplies,” Senator Allard said. “The tamarisk has invaded nearly every major river system in Colorado, and this funding will further efforts in the state to eradicate this destructive plant.”

The tamarisk, also called the salt cedar, has invaded the margins of streams, lakes and wetlands throughout the western United States. An individual plant can consume up to 200 gallons of water per day, which has exacerbated drought conditions in the West, and is highly disruptive to native habitats and species.

“I have also cosponsored S. 177, the Salt Cedar and Russian Olive Control Demonstration Act, which would provide millions to states and public/private partnerships to eradicate the tamarisk,” added Senator Allard. “I will continue working in the U.S. Senate to make sure that we do everything we can to exterminate the tamarisk in Colorado and other affected areas across the West.”

The FY 2006 Energy and Water Appropriations bill will now go to the full Senate for consideration.

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